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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Koichi TSUNODA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS, SOUND QUALITY EVALUATION METHOD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF REMODELING IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

References AO (JP 9-193506) and AW on Form 1449 are discussed in the specification.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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					YES	NO
	AO	9-193506	07/29/1997	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AP	10-232163	09/02/1998	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AQ	10-253440	09/25/1998	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
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	AT	10-267743	10/09/1998	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AU					
	AV					

## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AW	M. OHASHI, et al., Ono Sokki Co., Ltd, 4 pages, "BINAURAL SOUND MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR PSYCHOACOUSTIC PARAMETERS"
	AX	
	AY	
	AZ	

☐ Additional References sheet(s) attached

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